

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended): A method for validating a user client system accessing a server system, comprising the steps of:

receiving, in a at the server system, a request for a server resource from a the client system;

determining a an IP network address of the client system;

determining a geographic location corresponding to the network address; and

confirming that the IP network address is associated with an authorized geographic location; and

permitting or denying validating the client system to have access to the server resource in accordance with such confirmation according to the geographic location.

2. Cancelled

3. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein the geographic location is determined from a name-server entry corresponding to the network address of the client system confirming step occurs by searching a database residing on a name-server system accessible by the server system.

4. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 1, wherein the confirming step includes determining the true geographic location of the client system the geographic location is determined from a global positioning system receiver on the client system.

5. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the server resource includes an automatic-teller application.

6. (Original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the server resource includes an on-line gambling application.

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7. (Original): The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving a passcode from the client system.

8. (Currently Amended): A method accessing a remote server, comprising the steps of:
requesting, in a client system, access to a server resource on a server system;
sending a an IP network address of the client system to the server system over the IP network;
5 sending a passcode to the server system; and
selectively receiving access to the server resource over the IP network depending on a validation of the client system by the server system by confirming that the IP network address corresponds to an authorized geographic location the passcode and a geographic location corresponding to the network address.

9. (Original): The method of Claim 8, wherein the server resource is an automatic-teller application.

10. (Original): The method of Claim 8, wherein the server resource is an on-line gambling application.

11. (Currently Amended): A computer program in a computer-readable medium for validating a user client system accessing a server system, comprising:

instructions for receiving, in a at the server system, a request for a server resource from a the client system;

5 instructions for determining a an IP network address of the client system;
instructions for confirming that the IP network address is associated with an authorized geographic location; and determining a geographic location corresponding to the network address; and
instructions for permitting or denying validating the client system to have access to the server resource in accordance with such confirmation according to the geographic location.

12. Canceled

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13. (Currently Amended): The computer program product of Claim 11, wherein the geographic location is determined from a name-server entry corresponding to the network address of the client system confirming step occurs by searching a database residing on a name-server system accessible by the server system.

14. (Currently Amended): The computer program product of Claim 11, wherein the confirming step includes determining the true geographic location of the client system the geographic location is determined from a global positioning system receiver on the client system.

15. The computer program product of Claim 11, wherein the server resource includes an automatic-teller application.

16. (Original): The computer program product of Claim 11, wherein the server resource includes an on-line gambling application.

17. (Currently Amended): The computer program product of Claim 11, further comprising instructions for receiving a passcode from the client system over the IP network.

18. (Currently Amended): A computer program in a computer-readable medium, comprising:
instructions for requesting, in a client system, access to a server resource on a server system;

5 instructions for sending a an IP network address of the client system to the server system over the IP network;

instructions for sending a passcode to the server system over the IP network; and

10 instructions for selectively receiving access to the server resource over the IP network depending on a validation of the client system by the server system by confirming that the IP network address corresponds to an authorized geographic location the passcode and a geographic location corresponding to the network address.

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19. (Original): The computer program product of Claim 18, wherein the server resource is an automatic-teller application.

20. (Original): The computer program product of Claim 18, wherein the server resource is an on-line gambling application.

21. (New): A method for validating a client system comprising the steps of:
receiving, at a server system, a request for a server resource from a client system;
determining a geographically agnostic network address of the client system;
confirming that the geographically agnostic network address is associated with an authorized geographic location; and
validating the client system to have access to the server resource in accordance with such confirmation.

22. (New): The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of validating the client system further includes the step of validating a user accessing the server system through the client system.

23. (New): The method of Claim 8, wherein the step of selectively receiving further includes the step of selectively receiving access to the server resource over the IP network depending on a validation of a user by the server system by confirming that the IP network address corresponds to an authorized geographic location.

24. (New): The computer program of Claim 11, wherein the instructions for validating further include instructions for validating a user accessing the server system through the client system.

25. (New): The computer program of Claim 18, wherein the instructions for selectively receiving further include instructions for selectively receiving access to the server resource over the IP network depending on a validation of a user by the server system by confirming that the IP network address corresponds to an authorized geographic location.

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